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For: Nucleic Acid Ladders
Inventors: Hu *et al.*
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Sir:

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1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Check No. 34307 in the amount of \$430.00 to cover the appropriate fees;
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Respectfully submitted,

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